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In re Patent Application of:

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For: FULLY-THREADED SUTURE ANCHOR

WITH INSERT-MOLDED SUTURE

Examiner: M. Ryckman

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-6, 8-14 and 16-19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.